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In re Application of Giovanni Abatangelo et al. Group Art Unit: 1633 Examiner: Stroup, C. Serial No.: 09/445,604 Filed: December 7,1999

For: BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COMPRISING AN EFFICACIOUS CELL CULTURE OF A BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL MATRIX CONSISTING OF A HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE

> New York, NY 10036 June 19, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C.

## LETTER

A signed copy of the DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR§1.132, that was filed with the Amendment dated May 20, 2002, is attached. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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